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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. On 8 August a meeting was held between Mr. Robert Morris, Special Counsel for the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Frank Wisner and Mr. Pforzheimer. At that meeting Mr. Wisner informed Mr. Morris of what he knew regarding the alleged [] incident based upon reports he had received as Assistant Director/OPC.

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2. Mr. Wisner read Mr. Morris some pertinent quotations from a statement prepared by [] who had been the CIA representative at the [] meeting. As it was apparent that Mr. Wisner had only hearsay evidence as to the [] meeting, and that only [] could state what was in his mind when he made his suggestions, Mr. Morris felt that it would probably not be necessary for Mr. Wisner to appear before the Committee, although final word would have to come from the Committee itself. Mr. Morris asked Mr. Wisner whether he knew whether [] had protested to [] that the names which [] suggested were Communists and that [] was alleged to have replied that they were not, that they were merely very "politically sophisticated". Mr. Wisner had not heard of any such statement.

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3. Later in the day Mr. Pforzheimer went to Mr. Morris' office at the latter's request, and was shown a copy of an alleged statement by [] made quite recently which set forth in considerable detail the conversation between [] and []. This included the statement on political sophistication noted above, as well as certain other statements about the meeting. Mr. Pforzheimer brought this statement to the attention of Mr. Wisner who had never seen it previously, nor had Mr. Wisner been previously aware of the full nature of the remarks made at the [] meeting. As Mr. Morris transmitted this information to Mr. Pforzheimer on a very personal basis for limited information only, no official use could be made of it other than in discussions with the Director and Deputy Director, Mr. Wisner and Col. Edwards.

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4. On August 10, Mr. Wisner, Col. Edwards and Mr. Pforzheimer briefed the Director on this subsequent memorandum. At that point a copy of an official memorandum from [] to Mr.

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[] of OPC was located by Col. Edwards. This memorandum set

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forth in considerable detail the conversation between [] and []. The Director indicated that Mr. Wisner should talk to [] to determine the full background of these statements. As a result of this meeting, Mr. Wisner talked with [] and on 11 August informed Mr. Pforzheimer that the statement from [] on which Mr. Wisner had been relying as an official report to himself was not such a report, but merely a broad statement to the OPC security officer. Mr. Wisner discussed this matter again with the Director and as a result of this discussion requested me to inform Mr. Morris of these additional circumstances.

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5. On 13 August Mr. Pforzheimer called Mr. Morris and informed him that CIA had unearthed a detailed statement from [] which in many ways was identical with the statement Mr. Morris already had, and that this was the first time Mr. Wisner had seen this statement. Mr. Pforzheimer informed Mr. Morris that at the time Mr. Wisner had talked with him he gave him all of the details as he then knew them, fully believing that the entire story was then before him. However, this subsequent paper added considerable detail to Mr. Wisner's background and that we wished to inform him that we did have such a document. Mr. Morris was most appreciative of this information and stated that [] had appeared before the Subcommittee in Executive Session on 10 August and denied making the statement attributed to him. Mr. Morris stated that there had been a second CIA person present at the [] meeting in 1949, and inquired as to whether we had any statement from the second participant.

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6. On 14 August Senator Ferguson expressed concern to Mr. Pforzheimer regarding the whole incident and assured him that every care would be taken to preserve CIA security. He was extremely interested in what [] sought to accomplish by his suggestion, and I informed the Senator that [] could be the only person to answer that question.

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7. Mr. Wisner discussed the entire matter in detail with Mr. Humelsine, Deputy Undersecretary of State for Administration, on the morning of 14 August, and a meeting was held that afternoon with the Director, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Pforzheimer and

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Col. Hansen, from CIA, and Mr. Humelsine and Mr. Fisher, Legal Adviser, of the State Department.

8. The State Department took the position that [] STATOTHR
 was hampered in his defense by the fact that he was forbidden to
 discuss the matter with the Internal Security Subcommittee because
 of the security necessary for OPC operations. [] STATOTHR
 had told the Subcommittee that the subject was classified and they were request-
 ing him to inform the Subcommittee as to the authority for the classi-
 fication. The State Department took the position that the United
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 some protection for placing himself in this position, particularly in view of the fact that he
 could not explain what his alleged remarks involved. The Depart-
 ment therefore wished the Director to talk with Senator Smith
 of North Carolina, who is a Member of the Subcommittee. Mr.
 Fisher further pointed out that if it came to a final showdown be-
 tween protecting one man [] STATOTHR
 or sacrificing the security of OPC operations there would be little question that the Department
 and the Secretary would stand with [] STATOTHR
 Mr. Pforzheimer pointed out that if he and Mr. Humelsine talked with Chairman
 McCarran and Senator Ferguson, both of whom were knowledge-
 able on some phases of CIA operations, it might be possible to
 explain the security problem and state that the information could
 not be disclosed. However, Mr. Pforzheimer felt that this would
 not resolve the final question in the Committee's mind as to whether
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 had made his remarks and whether they carried the implica-
 tion which the Committee attributed to them.

9. It was finally determined that Mr. Pforzheimer and Mr.
 Humelsine should meet with Senators McCarran and Ferguson,
 and the Director authorized Mr. Pforzheimer to state:

- a. The operations involved in the [] meeting are STATOTHR
 carried out under NSC Directives which are classified Top
 Secret, and therefore cannot be discussed by [] STATOTHR
- b. Under these Directives the fact that there even are
 such operations cannot be discussed;
- c. The proposals which [] suggested are not un- STATOTHR
 usual, and had General Smith been Director at the time
 they were made, under appropriate security, they might
 have been approved;

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d. If this is not satisfactory to Senators McCarran and Ferguson, the Director would be pleased to invite them to lunch and discuss the matter with them further.

10. Mr. Humelsine and Mr. Pforzheimer met with Senators McCarran and Ferguson on 15 August. The result of that meeting is included in my Memorandum for the Record of 15 August, forwarded to the DCI on 16 August, a copy of which has been forwarded to the recipients of this memorandum previously.

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11. On 19 September, Mr. Humelsine called Mr. Pforzheimer and stated that he had talked with Mr. Sourwine, chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and that Sourwine felt certain loose ends needed to be tied together. For this reason, Mr. Humelsine wished General Smith to write Senator McCarran a letter re-stating his position.

12. Mr. Pforzheimer discussed this matter with Mr. Wisner and Col. Hansen, and pointed out that the Senators had not made any further request of us, and that as far as we were concerned, the matter was closed, at least for the time being. Mr. Wisner felt, however, that CIA would be in the position of leaving a State Department man on a limb on our behalf, which would have a bad repercussion on the Department. It was therefore agreed to recommend that the DCI should write a letter to Mr. Humelsine, which he could use before the Committee if necessary, but not write Senator McCarran direct. The DCI agreed to this procedure. The correspondence is attached.

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